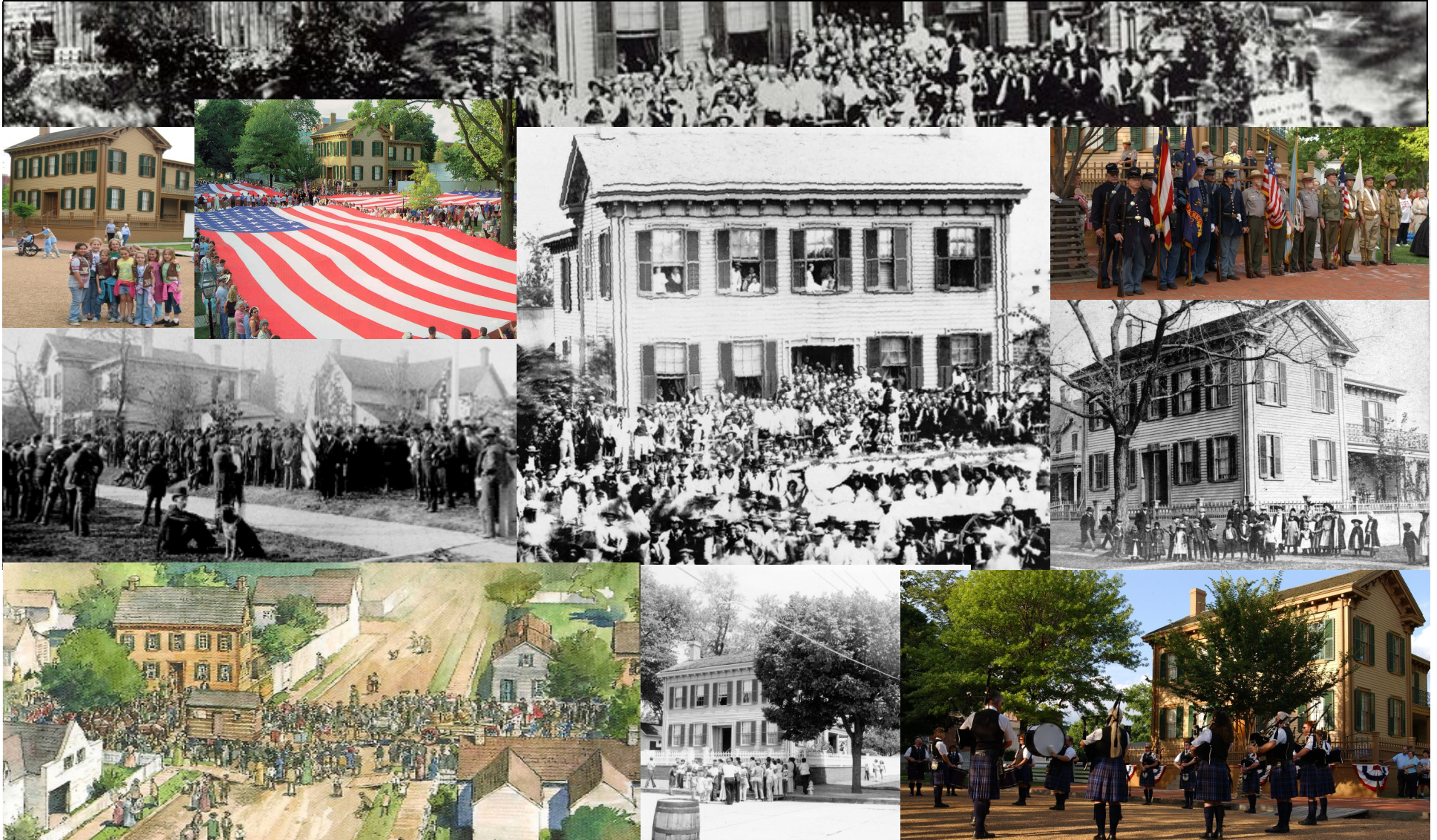


Lincoln Home

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Historic Site



ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL
1809-2009

WELCOME TO LINCOLN HOME



Springfield is my home, and there, more than elsewhere, are my lifelong friends. Abraham Lincoln to Edward Baker, June 15, 1863.

In the summer of 1860, the eyes of the nation turned to a Quaker Brown house on the corner of Eighth and Jackson streets in Springfield, Illinois. Abraham Lincoln had just been nominated as the Republican candidate for the upcoming presidential election. On August 8, tens of thousands of people crowded the steamy and hot capitol city for a political rally and parade. The massive parade began at the State Capitol, wound through the city, and paused in front of Mr. Lincoln's modest home. They were here to see Abraham Lincoln, a relatively unknown and untested candidate who would ultimately be elected president of the United States on the verge of Civil War.

For the last 150 years visitors to Springfield have continued to gather at Mr. Lincoln's home. It was into this house that Abraham and Mary Lincoln moved in 1844, with their young son Robert. It was here that Edward, William, and Thomas were born-and, where Edward died. The Lincoln home, centerpiece of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, has been restored to its 1860s appearance, and stands in the midst of a four block historic neighborhood. People seem to be drawn by the power of this place in which Lincoln lived for 17 years. To walk in his footsteps. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The spirit of Lincoln still lives" and perhaps it is strongest in the place that shaped so much of his life.

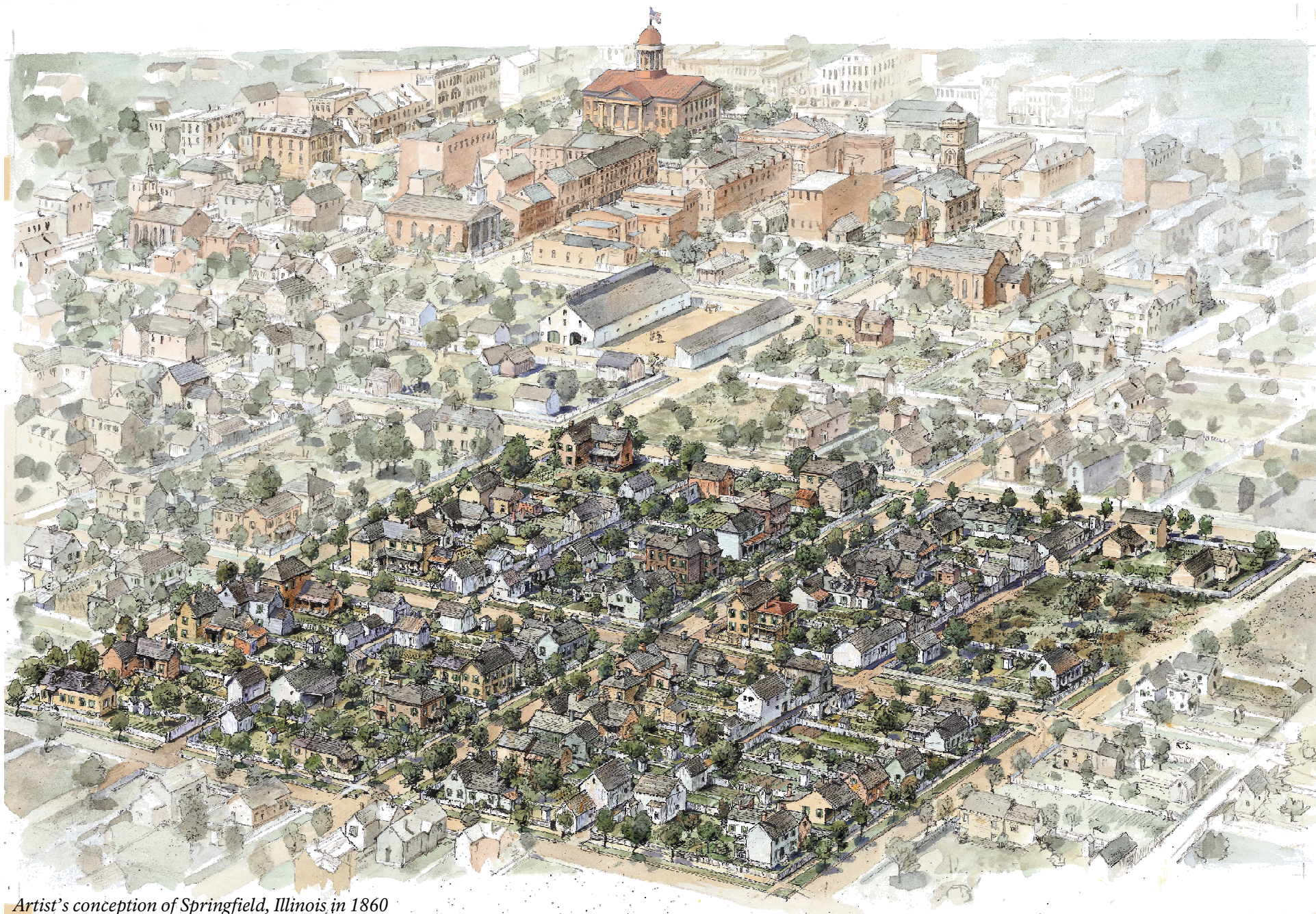
On behalf of the staff and volunteers I would like to welcome you to Lincoln Home National Historic Site and to our celebration of the life of our greatest president, Abraham Lincoln. We thank you for joining us for programs that will entertain as well as inspire. Programs throughout the extended February 12 weekend will highlight Abraham Lincoln, and also feature other heroes, such as Frederick Douglass; Harriet Tubman; Civil War soldier Andrew Lewis; and Martin Luther King, Jr. As you will see, the Lincoln story—America's story—will be presented in a variety of ways, through discussions of the latest Lincoln scholarship, through dramatic portrayals, and through inspiring music.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site is joining the city of Springfield, the state of Illinois, and the nation in celebrating the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, not only in February, but throughout all of 2009. The Lincoln home and neighborhood will be the scene of a variety of special programs, exhibits, living history and Ranger presentations that will help bring the neighborhood to life and tell the stories of Abraham Lincoln, his family, and the community that meant so much to him and ultimately the nation.

Again, thank you for joining us in celebrating the Lincoln Bicentennial. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and will plan future visits in the remainder of 2009, and beyond.

Sincerely,

James A. Sanders, Superintendent
Lincoln Home National Historic Site



Artist's conception of Springfield, Illinois in 1860

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL 1809-2009
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7



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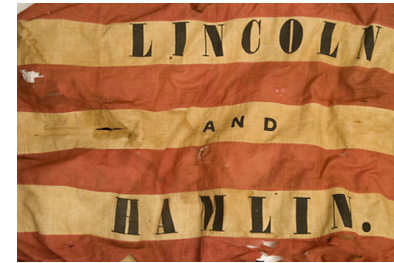
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OPEN HOUSE

Join the party! Help us kick off Bicentennial festivities with the world premiere of our film *Abraham Lincoln: A Journey to Greatness*.

We are also unveiling our stunning 1860 Lincoln campaign banner for the first time. This glorious piece of Lincoln history has recently undergone an extensive restoration and is available for public viewing.

Catch up on the latest developments at Lincoln Home National Historic Site during presentations on our neighborhood restoration efforts, the new *Lincoln Home Teaching with Museum Collections* web site, and the new Junior Ranger Program.

Finally, at 2:30 learn about the famous Dred Scott case from a park ranger from the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis.

1:00-3:00 PM

The Visitor Center



Table in the rear parlor of the Lincoln home

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL 1809-2009
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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OTHER THINGS TO SEE & DO

From Humble Beginnings: Lincoln’s Illinois
An exhibit that explores the Illinois that Lincoln knew through the eyes of the people who lived here.

Illinois State Museum
217-782-7386

Lincoln’s Farewell Address

Go back in time to Mr. Lincoln’s departure for Washington, D.C. with stories from Lincoln’s neighbors, friends and family. The 10:30 A.M. program is free and open to all.

Prairie Capital Convention Center
217-558-9025

Let Freedom Sing!

A musical celebration to honor Abraham Lincoln featuring the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. The 7:00 P.M. program is free and open to all. Pre-concert celebration begins at 6:30 P.M.

Prairie Capital Convention Center

VARIOUS TIMES

Various locations



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CHILDREN’S STORY TELLING WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN

How did a poor back woods boy become our great president? He learned to read!

Join President Lincoln, Harriett Tubman, and civil war soldier Andrew Lewis for an inspiring family reading program. President Lincoln will read a few favorite stories from his childhood and explain how reading led him to greatness.

Before each program a wide variety of children’s authors and illustrators will be available in the Visitor Center lobby to talk to your children and sign some of their favorite Lincoln books.

The performers of the Lincoln Home Street Theater group will preview selections from their new piece before the program. This combination of music, theater, and history will debut this summer in the Lincoln Home neighborhood and downtown Springfield.

9:30 AM & 4:00 PM

Book signing

10:00 AM & 4:30 PM

Stories

The Visitor Center



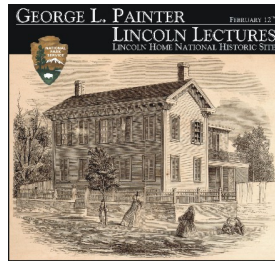
LINCOLN TRIO

Presented by Illinois' famed Ravinia Festival, the Lincoln trio will perform. The trio, consisting of Violinist Desirée Ruhstrat; cellist David Cunliffe; and, pianist Marta Aznavoorian, will perform winning piano trio commissions from a competition that called for composers to submit works inspired by Abraham Lincoln.

Formed in 2003, the Lincoln Trio has emerged as one of Chicago's most celebrated ensembles. Their crafted balance of repertoire and presentation has allowed the group to develop a loyal audience ranging from sophisticated concertgoers to people discovering chamber music for the very first time.

12:00-1:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
Seventh & Capitol Streets



GEORGE L. PAINTER LINCOLN LECTURES

Join Lincoln scholars for a lively afternoon of scholarship and discussion as part of the *Lincoln Author Book Fair*. Lincoln authors will join in roundtable discussions of their books, each other's books, and anything else related to Lincoln.

Participants in "The Literary Lincoln" are Dan Guillory, Barry Schwartz, and Wayne Temple. Participants in "The Personal Lincoln" are Michael Burlingame, Catherine Clinton, Wayne Temple, Karen Kostyal, and Camesha Scruggs.

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Session 1-*The Literary Lincoln*

2:30-3:30 PM

Session 2-*The Personal Lincoln*

Grace Lutheran Church
Seventh & Capitol Streets



OTHER THINGS TO SEE & DO

Wreath Laying at Lincoln Tomb
National American Legion Pilgrimage at 10:00 A.M.

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Statewide Birthday Bell Ringing
A statewide bell ringing at noon for the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. All are invited to join in the ringing.

One Destiny

Performance tells the story of the events leading up to the assassination of President Lincoln at 2:15, 4:15, and 7:30.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
217-558-8934

Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln Visit the Museum

Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln visit the museum plaza and perform "Meeting the Lincolns" at 11:45.
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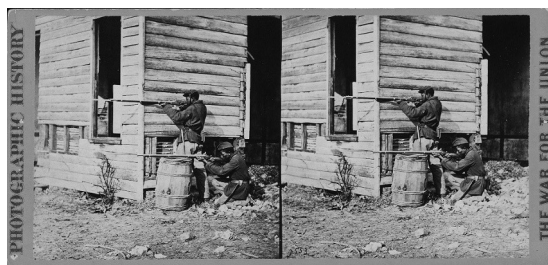
LINCOLN & LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Advanced Registration Required

Learn executive leadership skills from Abraham Lincoln during a “Lincoln and Leadership” workshop that will feature discussions and examples of leadership principles reflected in the life of Abraham Lincoln. The workshop will include a presentation on Lincoln’s leadership style by Donald T. Phillips, author of *Lincoln on Leadership: Executive Strategies for Tough Times*. President Lincoln, portrayed by Fritz Klein, will also speak about how his philosophy of leadership helped him through the tough issues of his presidency.

9:00-11:00 AM

Hoogland Center for the Arts
420 South Sixth Street



A SOLDIER'S STORY

A Soldier's Story is the inspirational story of 52 year-old Civil War veteran Andrew Lewis, portrayed by Robert J. Davis, reminiscing about his journey from slavery to freedom. The reminiscence covers his birth as a slave on a Kentucky plantation, his sale to a family of slave holders in Missouri, his escape to freedom in Illinois with the help of the Underground Railroad, and finally his joining the Illinois 29th Infantry, the United States Color Troops to fight in the Civil War for his freedom and that of his people.

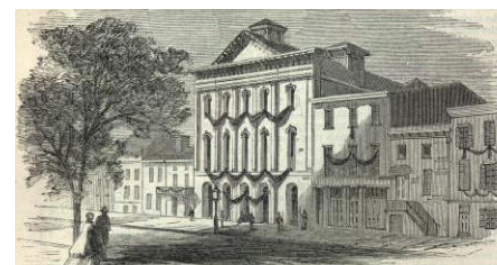
10:00-11:00 AM
The Visitor Center



EMANCIPATION & THE DREAM OF FREEDOM—FROM SLAVERY TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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2:00-3:00 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
Seventh & Capitol Streets



OTHER THINGS TO SEE & DO

Our American Cousin
Coinciding with the Lincoln Bicentennial observance, this hilarious and haunting production is an authentic staging of the hit nineteenth-century comedy about a staid British family whose lives are turned upside down by the arrival of a boorish American relative. The play assumed its place in American history when it was performed at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. in April of 1865, with President Lincoln in the audience.

Springfield Theatre Center
217-414-8905

8:00 PM
Hoogland Center for the Arts
420 South Sixth Street

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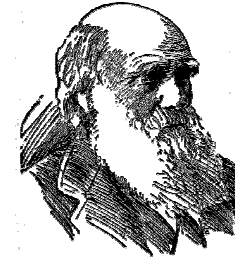
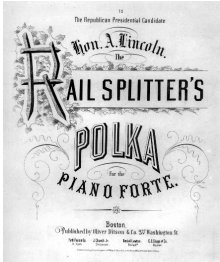
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Seventh & Capitol Streets

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14



MUSIC OF THE LINCOLN ERA

Songs of Abraham Lincoln's America
for Children
Judy Cook
10:00-10:30

Songs of Abraham Lincoln's America
for All Ages
Judy Cook
11:30-12:30

Abraham Lincoln in Song
Chris Vallillo with Rocky Maffit
1:00-2:15

Songs of the Lincoln Era & More!
Christ the King Parish Handbell Choir
& Friends
3:00-3:45

10:00 AM-4:00 PM
The Visitor Center

ABRAHAM LINCOLN A BIOGRAPHY IN WORDS & MUSIC

A Biography in Words and Music features Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Fritz Klein, his friend and political ally Jessie K. Dubois, portrayed by Paul Presney, and the voices of the Old State Capitol Chorale. Through words and music you will have a window into Lincoln's life. The program is interspersed with performances of nineteenth-century music that Lincoln might have enjoyed.

4:00-5:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
321 South Seventh Street

OTHER THINGS TO SEE & DO

Mr. Lincoln's Science Fair
Join the Illinois State Museum for a day of hands-on exploration at our 1800s science fair to celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin, both born on February 12, 1809. Search for and study animals and plants like the scientists of long ago, learn about surveying and medicine, and more. You will also have the opportunity to chat with Charles Darwin, portrayed by Brian "Fox" Ellis. Mr. Darwin will share stories about his journey on the H.M.S. Beagle and his theories about evolution.
Illinois State Museum
217-782-5993

11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Illinois State Museum
Spring & Edwards Streets

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15



Lincoln home with Lincoln portrayer Fritz Klein and “Fido”



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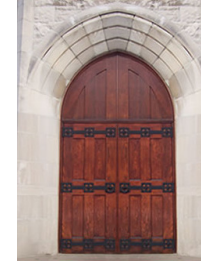
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THE NEW CENTURY ORCHESTRA

The New Century Orchestra recreates the sound of the nineteenth-century through Lincoln-era popular music. In addition to typical dance music of the time, they play tunes that have been popular for hundreds of years and are still familiar today. Let the music of the fiddle, clarinet, tuba, and guitar take you back to the time of Lincoln as they play music that might have made Mr. Lincoln tap his toe and his friends and neighbors get up and dance.

2:00-3:00 PM
The Visitor Center



OTHER THINGS TO SEE & DO

The Abolitionist Church & Lincoln's Friend

Robert J. Davis will portray Jameson Jenkins, a friend and neighbor of Abraham Lincoln and conductor on the Underground Railroad. He found a spiritual home among the abolitionists at Springfield's Second Presbyterian Church, which is now Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Westminster Choir will perform hymns from *The Presbyterian Psalmist* of 1852.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
217-522-4415

4:00 PM

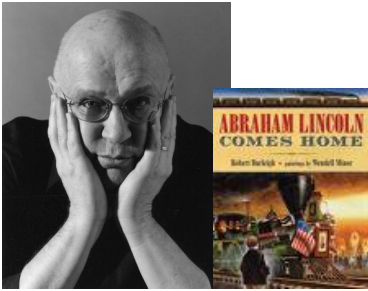
Westminster Presbyterian Church
533 South Walnut Street



1860 engraving of Lincoln home

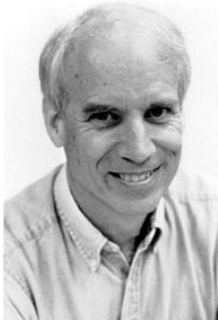
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SPEAKERS AND PERFORMERS



ROBERT BURLEIGH

Over the past several decades, Robert Burleigh has published poems, reviews, essays, many filmstrips and videos, and more than 30 children's picture books. Two recently released books are *Fly, Cher Ami, Fly*, and *Abraham Lincoln Comes Home*.
robertburleigh.com



MICHAEL A. BURLINGAME

Professor Michael Burlingame devotes his scholarly energies to investigating the life and times of Lincoln, about whom he has published twelve books. In 2008, his most recent work, *Abraham Lincoln: A Life* was published. Currently Professor Burlingame is working on a one-volume abridgement of *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*; a brief book on Lincoln and the Civil War; and several compilations of Lincoln primary source materials.
www.conncoll.edu/Academics/web_profiles/burlingame.html

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HANDBELL CHOIR & FRIENDS

The Handbell Choir is made up of dedicated volunteers who play at church services and in the Springfield community. Two members are Lincoln Home employees and are excited to see history and handbell music come together to celebrate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.



CATHERINE CLINTON

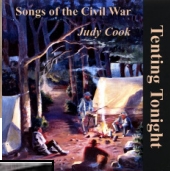
Catherine Clinton is the author of *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life*, as well as many other history books for both young and adult readers. Educated at Harvard, Sussex, and Princeton, she is a member of the advisory committee to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Bicentennial Commission, and holds a chair in U.S. history at Queen's University Belfast.
www.catherineclinton.com



MICHAEL E. CRUTCHER, SR.

As a devout scholar of Frederick Douglass, Michael Crutcher believes it is his calling to share Douglass' principles of freedom, equality, religion, and self-esteem. His portrayal was inspired after research revealed his great-great grandfather was a member of the 13th United States Colored Troops Heavy Artillery.
www.spiritoffrederickdouglass.com

SPEAKERS AND PERFORMERS



JUDY COOK

Living in Maryland, Judy has been on the road since the early 1990s, making her own the songs and ballads of traditional Americana and the British Isles. Her recordings include *If You Sing Songs...*, *Far From the Lowlands*, and *Tenting Tonight*. She is respected on both sides of the Atlantic as both a singer and interpreter of traditional songs. judycook.net



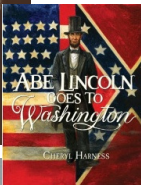
ROBERT J. DAVIS

Robert J. Davis has taught at Lincoln Land Community College and the University of Illinois at Springfield and serves on the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association and the Sangamon County Historical Society. Mr. Davis is a student of the Underground Railroad, has been studying the Civil War for more than thirty years, and has presented "A Soldier's Story" to a variety of schools, civic groups, and museums.



DAN GUILLORY

Dr. Dan Guillory was a member of the Millikin faculty from 1972 until 2004 when he was honored as a professor emeritus. Guillory has written more than 450 articles, poems, reviews and book chapters for numerous publications. He currently is a board member for the Vachel Lindsay Association in Springfield. www.millikin.edu/english/GuilloryWeb



CHERYL HARNESS

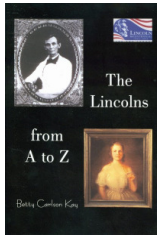
Cheryl Harness lives in Independence, Missouri, with her Scottie, Maude, and two cats, Merrie Emma and Elizabeth. As an author and illustrator, she is known for her engaging approach to history, seen in such books as *Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington* and *Young Abe Lincoln, 1809-1837*. www.cherylharness.com



KATHRYN HARRIS

Kathryn M. Harris is Library Services Director at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. Her portrayal of Harriet Tubman comes from her long-standing interest in history. She has been making first-person appearances as Harriet Tubman for more than ten years.

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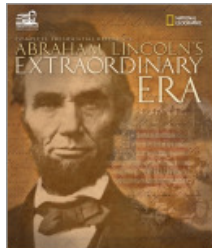
BETTY CARLSON KAY

Betty Carlson Kay was an elementary school teacher for thirty years and is the author of 11 books for children including *The Lincolns from A to Z*.
bckay.home.mchsi.com



FRITZ KLEIN

Considered one of the nation's foremost Lincoln actors, Richard F. (Fritz) Klein makes Lincoln and his period of history come alive. He lives in Springfield, Illinois with his wife and family, where he performs for some of the city's 500,000 annual visitors. Mr. Klein recently portrayed Abraham Lincoln for Lincoln Home National Historic Site's new film *Abraham Lincoln: A Journey to Greatness* now showing in the Visitor Center.
www.lincolninstitute.com



KAREN KOSTYAL

Karen Kostyal, former editor of *National Geographic* magazine and National Geographic Books, has written more than a dozen books on biography, history, natural history, and photography. Her most recent book is *Abraham Lincoln's Extraordinary Era: The Man and His Times*.

LINCOLN HOME STREET THEATER PERFORMERS

As part of the Lincoln Home Living History Program, this newly formed local group of talented high school and college students combines music, theater, and history to bring the Lincoln home neighborhood and downtown historic sites alive this summer.

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www.lincolntrio.com

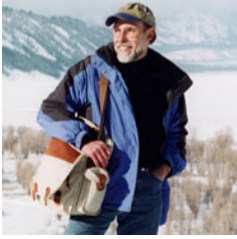


JIM LUCAS

Jim Lucas has received critical acclaim for his stirring and dramatic recitations and interpretive readings depicting the life and times of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A student of the teachings of The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Lucas is an advocate of Dr. King's philosophy of non-violent civil action to effect social change.
www.jimlucasonline.com



SPEAKERS AND PERFORMERS



WENDELL MINOR

After completing his studies Wendell began creating original designs for book publishers in New York City. His cover illustrations have been seen on over 2000 works . His wish is to inspire children to go out into the fields and woods and mountains to see wildlife in its natural habitat .
www.minorart.com



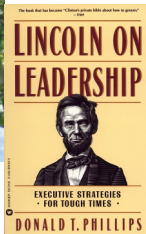
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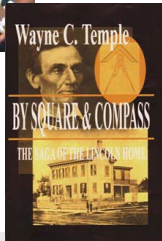
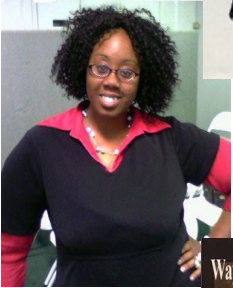
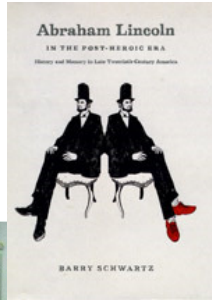
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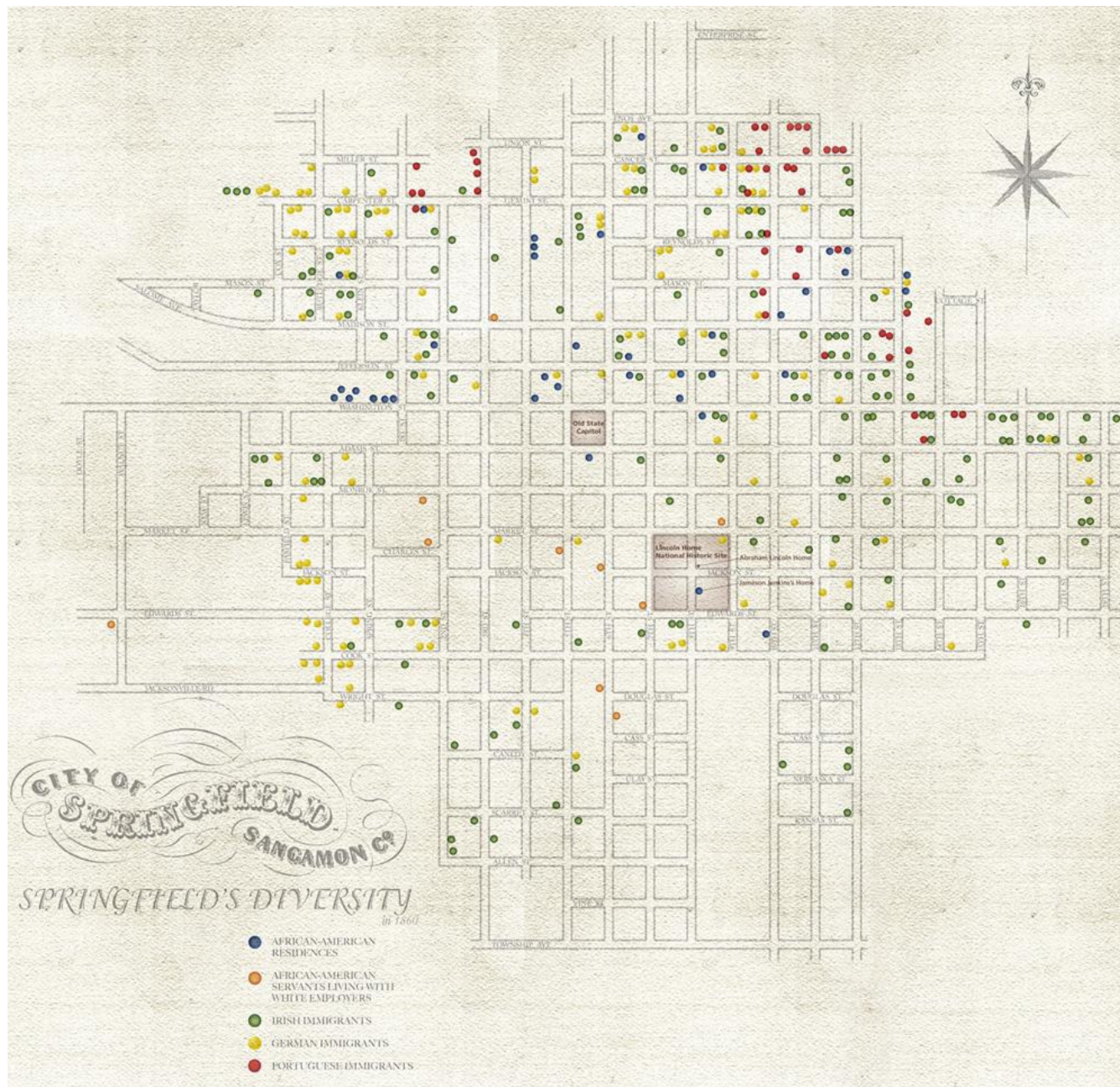
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Map illustrating the diversity of 1860 Springfield, Illinois

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL 1809-2009
 LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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THE LINCOLN HOME

The Lincoln Home is one of the most significant historic sites associated with America's beloved sixteenth president. It is the only home he and his wife ever owned.

Abraham Lincoln came to Springfield in 1837 as a young lawyer and it was there that he met, courted, and married Mary Todd. In 1844, soon after the birth their first son, the Lincolns purchased the house and lot at the northeast corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets from the Reverend Charles Dresser. Lincoln paid \$1,500 for the house—\$1,200 in cash and a lot valued at \$300. Here Mrs. Lincoln gave birth to three more sons—Edward, William, and Thomas—who brought great joy to the family. The house also saw days of trial, tribulation, and grief. It was here that Eddie died in 1850.

During the years the Lincolns owned the house, they enlarged it several times. In 1856, for example, they carried out a major \$1,300 expansion.

When the Lincoln family left Springfield for the White House in 1861, they rented the house. After the death of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, the remaining family continued to own the house. Robert later became the sole owner of the house and in the late 1870s, showed an interest in donating it to the State of Illinois. Governor Richard J. Oglesby signed a bill into law on June 16, 1887 beginning the Lincoln Home's long history as a public historic site. The state of Illinois continued to administer the site until the early 1970s when the site was transferred to the National Park Service on October 9, 1972.

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THE LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

Lincoln Home National Historic Site preserves fourteen houses that date from the Lincoln era, including the Lincoln Home. Through neighborhood preservation and interpretive activities, the National Park Service seeks to recreate a vivid sense of the relationship of the Lincoln family to their neighbors and the broader Springfield community, enriching the experience of visitors at Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

The Lincoln Home neighborhood was diverse representing many occupations and social and economic levels. For example, though his home was part of a city environment, Henson Lyon owned farmland east of Springfield and identified himself as a farmer by occupation. Harriet Dean taught school in her home. Mary Remann, a widow, helped meet expenses by renting part of her home to boarders. Amos Worthen served as the Illinois state geologist and was conducting a survey of geological features and mineral resources in various parts of the state during the period he resided in the neighborhood. Jared P. Irwin was a bricklayer who helped in the construction of the Capitol building, known today as the Old State Capitol.



Abraham Lincoln's neighbor, Jameson Jenkins was an enterprising, comparatively successful businessman. A drayman, or teamster by occupation, he transported goods and sometimes people. Jenkins also played an important role as a conductor in the underground railroad, assisting slaves to travel from slavery in the south to freedom in the north. On January 17, 1850, Jenkins was involved in an incident that was reported in the local newspaper as a "slave stampede." Jenkins is believed to have assisted a group of runaway slaves escape the hands of slave catchers, taking them north to Bloomington, Illinois.

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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves.

“We will be remembered . . .” How prophetic Lincoln’s words from his December 1862, *Second Annual Message to Congress* proved to be. We do remember Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War that dominated his presidency. We remember his words, and his works, and remember him at the places that relate to his life, many that have been preserved by the American people as National Parks.

There are five National Park sites that focus almost exclusively on the story of Abraham Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Kentucky; Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Indiana; Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Illinois; and, Ford’s Theatre National Historic Site and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. There are three more National Park sites that have a strong Lincoln component in their stories, Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota; Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania; and Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland. These are the places that we can visit today to connect with the story of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. To walk where Lincoln walked or where soldiers marched. What better place to experience Lincoln’s humble beginnings than doing so while surrounded by the hills and forests that he knew growing up; where better to learn about the challenges of a coming presidency, than in the parlor of his home where he was told that he was the Republican’s choice for that office; where better to talk about the inspiration for the *Gettysburg Address* than at *that* place where some 3,000 soldiers died; and, where better to tell the tragic story of the Lincoln assassination than next to the theater box where it occurred?

Taken together, the Lincoln, Civil War, and emancipation stories are powerful tales of individual and national resolve. But the struggle for freedom continued beyond the end of the Civil War. Beyond the passage in 1865, of the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery; beyond the passage in 1868, of the Fourteenth Amendment ensuring citizenship to African Americans; and beyond the passage in 1870, of the Fifteenth Amendment ensuring the right to vote is not denied on the basis of “race, color, or a previous condition of servitude.” The story extends to “Cedar Hill,” the Washington D.C. home of Frederick Douglass from 1877 to his death in 1895; it extends to Alabama’s Tuskegee Institute, where education provided hope and opportunity to former slaves and their children; to Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas, where nine African American teenagers braved hostility in 1957 so that they could attend school; to Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail in Alabama, where in 1965, “Bloody Sunday” showed the depths of people’s resolve to have the right to vote; and, to Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site, in Georgia, where a young Martin prepared for a life of leadership and gained skills that would be demonstrated on August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. where he reflected on the actions of Lincoln 100 years earlier.

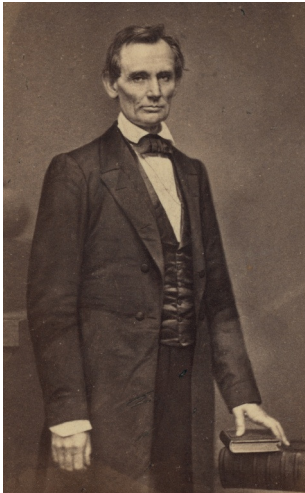
Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

In 1862, Lincoln had foretold that he and his congressional colleagues would be remembered. But even a year earlier, on December 3, 1861, in his first message to congress, Lincoln knew the gravity of the nation’s situation, what hung in the balance.

The struggle of today, is not altogether for today—it is for a vast future also.

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LINCOLN HOME ARTIFACTS

Any home will reflect past fads and fashions along with the most current ideas of the day. The home of Abraham and Mary Lincoln is no exception. It reflects the Empire and Late Classical styles of the early 1800s, as well as the Rococo Revival style that appeared several decades later in many middle-class homes.

Mary, as well as most other nineteenth-century housewives, wanted to have a home that displayed the family's affluence and her sense of fashion. She wished to impress upon visitors that the Abraham Lincoln family was prosperous and cultured. Because Mary was also practical, she saved and used some older "unfashionable" furniture in the private back rooms of the house.

Unfortunately for us today, the Lincoln family held a large sale of their furnishings in early 1861, just before their move to Washington, D.C. They sold or gave away nearly everything to various neighbors and friends before the family left and they rented the home. Today, over 100 of the Lincolns' possessions and furnishings are on exhibit or in the museum collection at the site. The remainder of the home's furnishings is pieces of the period 1800-1860, and were chosen to reflect Mary Lincoln's tastes.

The National Park Service completed a detailed Historic Furnishings Report in 1983 that guided the work of refurnishing the interior during the 1987-1988 restoration. The effort to recreate the home's 1860 appearance is based upon years of comprehensive research using many primary sources including photographs, sketches, letters, newspapers accounts, and line drawings.

Through continued research and the donation of objects and funds, Lincoln Home National Historic Site strives to present the most accurate possible picture of the life of Abraham Lincoln, his home, family, and neighbors in Springfield.

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